GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:374
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Education in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether majority of the students in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are from cities and urban areas;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the accessibility of students from semi-urban and rural areas to the premier institutions like IITs?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 374 REGARDING "EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS" RAISED BY SHRI ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:
Admission in IITs in the Undergraduate courses is done on the basis of rank in the Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced). As per the data obtained from IITBombay and IIT-Guwahati which conducted JEE(Advanced) 2015 and JEE(Advanced) 2016 respectively, the break-up of urban/rural students who qualified for admission in IITs is as under:

Year	Student qualified	Student from urban areas	Student from rural areas
JEE(Advanced) 2015	9974	7481	2493
JEE(Advanced) 2016	10476	7857	2619

As could be seen from the table above, nearly 75% of the candidates are from urban areas as against 25% from rural areas. One of the reasons for the disparity is better schooling and coaching facilities in urban areas which help students to prepare well for the entrance examinations. With a view to helping those students who do not have access to such facilities, IIT-Delhi is going to implement a scheme called IIT-PAL under which Professors of IITs will offer lectures to students of class XI & XII in Maths and Science to help them prepare for JEE Exams. It has also been planned to make the material and video content available through dedicated DTH.
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